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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Complicated Problem

WHETHER or not the international oil consortium and the Iranian Government can reach a mutually satisfactory agreement for reviving Persia's oil industry is at the moment a very big question mark. The problem is so complicated that after two and a half months the consortium and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company delegates can still only report that "an exchange of views is being held on all issues and further clarification is needed." Thus it would appear that some considerable time may yet have to elapse before the even more important negotiations between the consortium and the Persian Government can take place and produce any tangible results. The companies which comprise the oil consortium required several weeks of discussions before they could reach agreement among themselves. The details of this agreement have not been revealed, but it is known that it falls into two main parts. One part deals with the proposals which are to be put before the Persian Government when the current talks between the consortium and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company are concluded; the other is concerned with the financial and other arrangements which the companies have made among themselves as partners in the new consortium. What has happened in effect is that seven of the companies have been bargaining with Anglo-Iranian about the amount of money to be paid by them for a specified share in the new international organization which will manage the disposal of Persian oil in world markets. In addition there is the question of the consortium securing the legal title to the Anglo-Iranian assets, which must remain with AIOC until the company has received compensation from the Persian Government for the property which it has nationalised.

THIS is not likely to prove the most difficult of the issues when the time comes for the consortium to begin negotiations with the Persian Government. The Persian nationalisation law itself makes explicit provision for the payment of compensation to the owners of the expropriated properties, and it is reasonable to assume that the Persian Government fully appreciates that there is no point in opening talks with the international consortium on the rehabilitation of the country's oil industry unless it is ready to discharge its obligations to pay for the value of the assets which were summarily taken over three years ago. It is to everybody's advantage that an agreement between the consortium and the Persian Government be reached as rapidly as possible, and that this might materialise is suggested by the knowledge that the Persian Government has indicated it is impatient for a quick settlement, which will bring its oil back into the world markets again. But there is a world of difference between eagerness for an agreement in principle and actual readiness to accept the practical implications of doing business in such a way that the big international oil companies are prepared to handle one's product. It is relevant to note that it has taken the oil companies themselves nearly three months to work out an agreement on the practical implications of a Persian oil settlement, in so far as they affect their own company affairs. They, too, were agreed in principle before they started.

Grim Dien Bien Phu Defenders Await Final Battle

NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE

Paris, Apr. 22.

At the very moment, about 12,000 to 15,000 of some of the finest troops that the French army has ever had, including picked units of all the crack regiments now in Indo-China, are about to wage in the beleaguered fortress of Dien Bien Phu a final desperate and savage battle against overwhelming odds.

Paratroopers of the French colonial infantry, tough Foreign Legionnaires, North African riflemen, and Vietnamese paratroopers are the actors in this dramatic finale of seven years of war in Indo-China, which is going to be fought with every variety of weapon, including knives and bayonets, on a few square miles of bomb-scarred ground.

Facing the handful of these grim dieldards are some four Vietminh divisions, fully equipped with modern weapons, ranging from 105 millimetre guns, and possibly 155 millimetre guns, to mortars of all calibres, and radar-guided anti-aircraft artillery. Moreover, the ideological fanaticism of these troops, who have now cut off all ways of escape of the French garrison, has probably never been equalled in any other army of the world.

For the time being, the men of General Christian de Castries, to whom a pilot recently parachuted his newly gained Brigadier's stars are still being supplied in arms and ammunition, thanks to the precarious droppings carried out in almost hopeless conditions. Hundreds of more crews and planes to Indo-China. So we are doing three or four, and even 10 extra shifts a day. Do not forget that there are several smaller Dien Bien Phus elsewhere in Indo-China, which are seldom mentioned, but which must also be kept supplied.

Every time a shell explodes, the walls shake and crumble, and each day, the defence perimeter dwindles a little further, as the Vietminh "mobile" their way through the defences. Dien Bien Phu has no doubt fully played its part as a fortress, even 30,000 of wounded soldiers have perished on these miles of barbed wires. Wave after wave of Vietminh soldiers were literally mowed

down. The fighting started when rebel forces tried to neutralise efforts by the Dien Bien Phu commander, General Christian de Castries, to link up the forward post more firmly to the main defence complex. General de Castries borrowed the Communists' own tactics, the High Command said.

He ordered his men to burrow trenches and tunnels toward the nearly cut-off post overlooking the wrecked airfield. They dug along a little salient still controlled by the French.

HEAVY LOSSES

When the Vietminh saw their machinegun and mortar fire was having little effect, several battalions swept into the attack. Hand to hand fighting with bayonets, grenades and branch-knives raged all day. Headquarters here said losses were substantial on both sides.

In the delta, officials disclosed the Vietminh had mounted their biggest ambush of the war along the road linking Hanoi and Haiphong, point of entry for United States aid. Three regiments of Vietminh, looking for a bitter close-quarter fighting for two hours with a Franco-Vietnamese unit yesterday. They inflicted heavy losses.

Both physicians and the wounded themselves said the rebels used bullets with the tips cut cross-wise so they open up and spread in the body. Other bullets they said, had been reversed in the cartridges to hit and push out flat end first. —United Press.

AGREEMENT REACHED

Paris, Apr. 22. Agreement was reached in the political committee of the Franco-Vietnamese negotiations here today on both the recognition of Vietnam's independence and the definition of the association between Vietnam and France.

The agreement is to be submitted to the plenary session for approval of the wording of the two texts. They will be subsequently issued in the form of a joint statement.

It was the eleventh session of the political committee. —France-Press.

French Regain Outpost

Hanoi, Apr. 23.

French Union defenders of Dien Bien Phu smashed through Communist trenches today and re-established contact with an isolated outpost north-west of the beleaguered fortress, the French High Command announced.

The strategic outpost had been cut off from the main fortress for two days, according to the announcement, and Communist pressure on the outpost had been "increasing hourly."

Reports yesterday said the French had sown the clouds over Indo-China with dry ice to try to produce torrential rains and a hailstorm in an effort to flood Communist supply lines. —United Press.

down in the course of furious day and night attacks, which started more than five weeks ago, but the cost will be heavy if nothing is done to save the French Union garrison from their doom.

The colonel of a paratroop unit, to whom the Agence France-Press correspondent was speaking, recently begged the correspondent to try to explain the situation in Paris, that there was practically no chance of pulling out the garrison from the situation it had been placed in.

The colonel said to the Agence France-Press correspondent "Friends and foes alike are all in the dust bowl now, a few yards from each other, and in any case, the nearest French post is about six or eight days' forced march away from Dien Bien Phu, with the Vietminh troops all around and everywhere."

"What about the air forces?" the correspondent asked the colonel.

"The best proof that we have aircraft," he replied, "is that the Vietminh are shooting some down every day. I understand the Americans are sending us some more right now, but then, there is the problem of the crews."

This was later confirmed to the correspondent by an air

Soviet Diplomat Was Also Offered Political Asylum

Darwin, Apr. 22.

Mr Reginald Leydin, the man who offered sanctuary in Australia to Mrs Evokiya Petrov, revealed tonight that he had offered political asylum to Mr K. V. Kisilintin, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Canberra, who is now on his way back to Russia.

Mr Kisilintin turned the offer down.

In an interview here, Mr Leydin, acting Governor of the Northern Territory, described his dramatic meeting with Mrs Petrov as she was about to leave Australia under escort for Russia on Tuesday.

Mr Kisilintin was travelling on the same plane. Mr Leydin said Mrs Petrov was under great emotional stress and could not make up her mind whether to go, or to accept asylum in Australia as her diplomat husband, Mr Vladimir Petrov, had done.

"There are my mother, my father, my brothers and my sisters still in Russia," Mrs Petrov had told him. She added: "Where is my husband? Is he here? Is he alive? Can I speak to him?"

After she had spoken to Mr Petrov by telephone, all she could say was: "My husband, my husband."

Mr Leydin, said to her: "Goodbye, good luck. I can do no more." He walked away but turned back and asked if he could talk with her again. Then she said she wished to stay. —Reuter.

VYSHINSKY GOING ON LEAVE

New York, Apr. 22.

Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate to the United Nations, told Reuter today that he was going home to the Soviet Union on May 5 "on leave," and hoped to return to his post in New York in about six weeks.

Mr Vyshinsky was asked if he might possibly be joining the Soviet delegation at the Geneva conference opening next Monday.

"No, not at all," he said. Mr Vyshinsky, now in his 71st year, has been suffering for the past few weeks from laryngitis.

He seemed tired and drawn and his replies to questions put through an interpreter were husky. —Reuter.

Chinese To Make Big Trade Offer Report

London, Apr. 22.

Communist China will make a sensational trade offer to Britain within the next few days, it was learned from reliable sources here in close touch with Chinese trade organisations.

This may be as important as the one of £400 million sterling made by the Soviet Union to Britain at Moscow while the three-power conference was going on in Berlin.

The Chinese offer may well coincide with the opening of the conference on Asian affairs in Geneva at the beginning of next week. It will be made to a group of 40 British businessmen specially invited by the East Berlin agency of the Chinese Foreign Trade Corporation. Some of the businessmen left today for East Berlin; the remainder will soon follow.

Some of these businessmen were to go on to East Berlin last month. The journey was suddenly cancelled by a cable from the Chinese agency while several of them were already at the London airport.

MODIFIED LIST

It was then a question of concluding some deals within the framework of the two-way £30 million trade arrangements made in Peking last Summer. It was learned that since that time, the Chinese wanted to present a modified list of the goods they wanted to buy from Britain. It can now be stated on good authority that this list will be considerably extended to include a wide range of manufactures from rolling stock to electrical equipment.

The amount of the goods wanted by China is not yet known. Many firms not present at the Peking talks last year will now take part in the East Berlin negotiations. Apart from any political considerations, observers said that China now desires to increase her imports from Britain, and that this is an un-qualified testimony to the difficulties she meets in getting from the Soviet Union the capital goods she needs for her industrialisation.

At the same time, these observers said, any Chinese offer to Britain might be at the present moment of only an academic nature, as China is excluded from the relaxation measures on East-West trade now being negotiated in Paris by countries including the NATO members as well as Western Germany and Japan. —France-Press.

Soviet Police Official Recalled

Vienna, Apr. 22.

The Police Commissioner of the Soviet sector in Vienna, Vinzenz Seiser, was recalled to Moscow, an official communiqué stated today.

Seiser, the police commissioner for the "favourite" quarter has been compromised by some recent kidnappings or attempted kidnappings by the Soviet, un-official, sources claimed. —France-Press.

Casablanca, Apr. 22. Seven Europeans, including two children, were wounded by a Moroccan who fired shots into a Casablanca cafe tonight and rode away on a bicycle. —Reuter.

McCARTHY - ARMY WRANGLE

Allegations Made Before Investigators

Washington, Apr. 22.

Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) undertook to develop what he termed the "motivation" for the testimony of Major-General Miles Reber when the Senate Investigations Subcommittee opened its afternoon hearings into the dispute between Senator McCarthy and the Army Department today.

As the first witness in the morning, General Reber had told the Subcommittee that Senator McCarthy and Mr Roy Cohn, his chief counsel, had repeatedly pressed him for an officer's commission for Mr G. David Schine. General Reber was then the Army's liaison officer with Congress. He is now Commanding General of United States Army forces in Western Europe.

Senator McCarthy suggested that Mr Sam Reber, a career diplomat and brother of the General, had left the State Department under a cloud.

Senator McCarthy asked whether the General was aware of the fact that Mr Reber was allowed to resign when charges were made against him that he was a bad security risk.

After a wrangle over whether the question should be allowed, General Reber said his brother retired as he was entitled to by law when he reached the age of 60.

"I know nothing about any security case involving him," he added.

General Reber said there was no bias whatsoever in his past actions to Schine or in his present testimony.

The next witness was Mr R. T. Stevens, grey-haired, bespectacled Secretary of the Army. He read a statement saying he was subjected to "persistent tireless effort" by Senator McCarthy and his assistants to get special military treatment for Schine.

"I may say that during my tenure as Secretary of the Army there is no record that matches this persistent tireless effort to obtain special consideration and privileges for this man (Schine)," Mr Stevens said.

Senator McCarthy broke into Mr Stevens' reading of his prepared text, and making a point of order, protested that Mr Stevens was trying to "speak for the Army."

BEDELL SMITH While Mr Stevens was testifying, the acting Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, a former Ambassador in Moscow, was sworn in as a witness.

Mr Smith was called to the stand before Mr Stevens finished reading his statement. Mr Ray Jenkins, lawyer for the Subcommittee, explained that it was desired to call Mr Smith now because he might be called to a foreign country, perhaps tomorrow.

Mr Smith said under questioning that Mr Cohn had come to him on behalf of Mr Schine.

He assumed Mr Cohn approached him both on behalf of the Committee and as a "friend" of the young man who was seeking a commission.

Mr Jenkins asked Mr Smith if he got the impression Cohn was trying to high pressure anyone.

"Not me, Sir," Mr Smith replied.

Mr Smith testified that Mr Cohn had asked about obtaining a commission for Mr Schine through the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He replied that Mr Cohn might telephone Mr Allen Dulles, head of the Agency, about this.

Mr Cohn's reply, Mr Smith said, was that the Agency was "too juicy a subject" for future investigations—that it "would not be right" to place Mr Schine in the CIA and then investigate it.

Under questioning Mr Smith said he did not regard Mr Cohn's having been in touch with him about Schine as improper.

Mr Smith was in the witness chair only 22 minutes. Mr Stevens then resumed reading his statement.

65 PHONE CALLS Mr Stevens said efforts by Senator McCarthy and his assistants to obtain privileges for Mr Schine included more than 65 telephone calls and 10 meetings. Mr Stevens said that he was informed that requests on Mr Schine's behalf ran all

Ship's Mooring Rope Cut

Melbourne, Apr. 23.

The master of the Japanese ship, Oosaka Maru, Capt. H. Kasuka, said he saw two men and a woman vanish in the darkness soon after the ship's mooring rope was cut at Cullinham pier, Geelong, last night, the Melbourne Sun reported today.

The 6,600-ton Oosaka Maru left later for Kobe with bagged barley. When the rope mooring the ship to the pier was cut, she started to drift close to the shallow water and rocks below the shore wall, the paper said.

A quartermaster gave the alarm and some of her 50 crew members leaped to the pier and made a new rope fast to a bollard, stopping the vessel's drift. —China Mail Special.

Alleged "Pirating" Of Designs

Manchester, Apr. 22.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce today asked more than 1,000 textile firms in this area to supply detailed information of Japanese "piracy" of Lancashire designs.

Their evidence, including actual cutting of Lancashire designs and alleged Japanese copies, will be sent to the Government.

In a letter asking firms for evidence, the Chamber said it had agreed with the Cotton Board and the British Rayon and Synthetic Fibre Federation on concerted action for dealing with alleged commercial malpractices by Japanese traders.

The bodies had met at the suggestion of Mr Peter Thomeycroft, President of the Board of Trade.

A spokesman of the Chamber said that since the signing of the recent Anglo-Japanese payment agreement, provided Japan with wider opportunities for exporting textiles to sterling areas, there had been a resurgence of complaints by Lancashire firms alleging piracy of their designs.

The three organisations also intended to inquire into other forms of commercial malpractices by Japanese including pricing methods and the dumping of goods, he said.—Reuter.

Big War Claims Award

Washington, Apr. 22.

The War Claims Commission has awarded El Colegio De San Jose, a Philippines Jesuit institution nearly \$3,307,000 as compensation for property damages suffered during World War II, it was learned today.

The Commission upheld an appeal of its earlier rejection of the San Jose claim. The previous ruling was that San Jose had not properly documented its case.—United Press.



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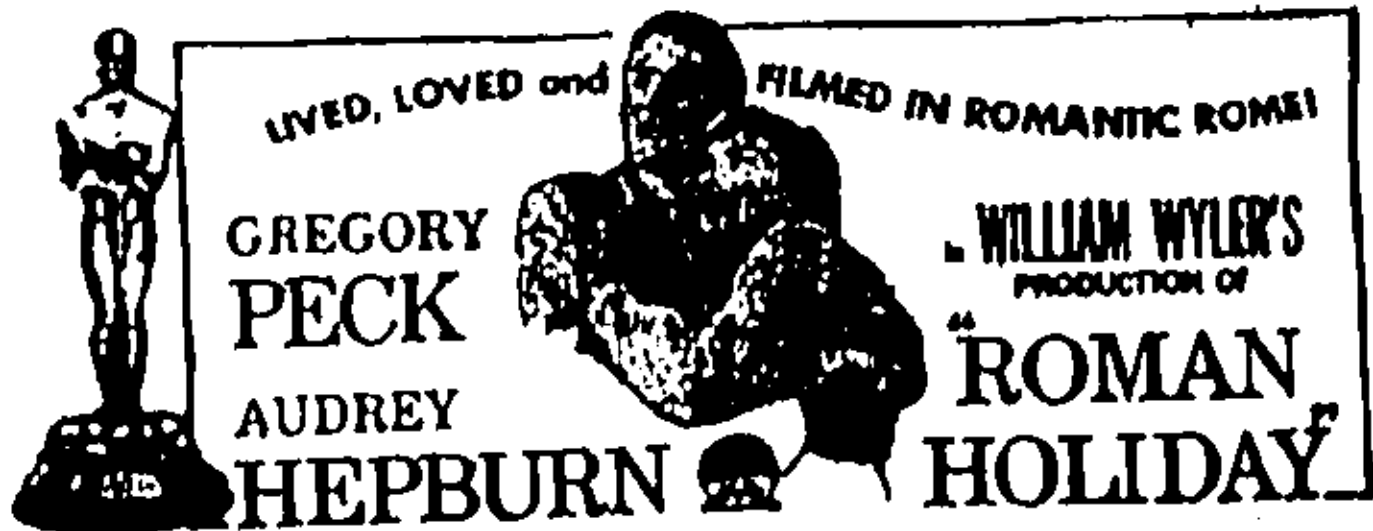
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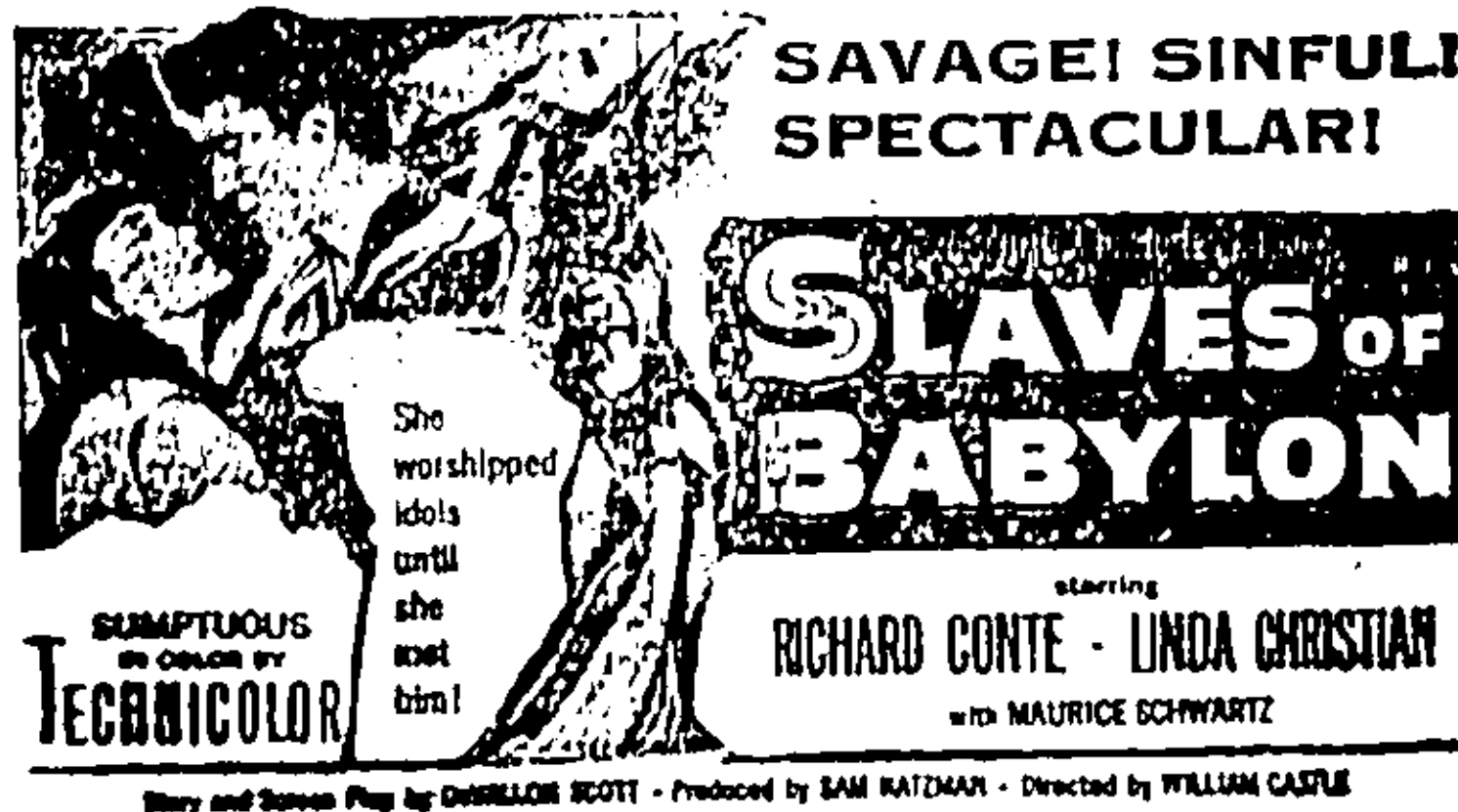
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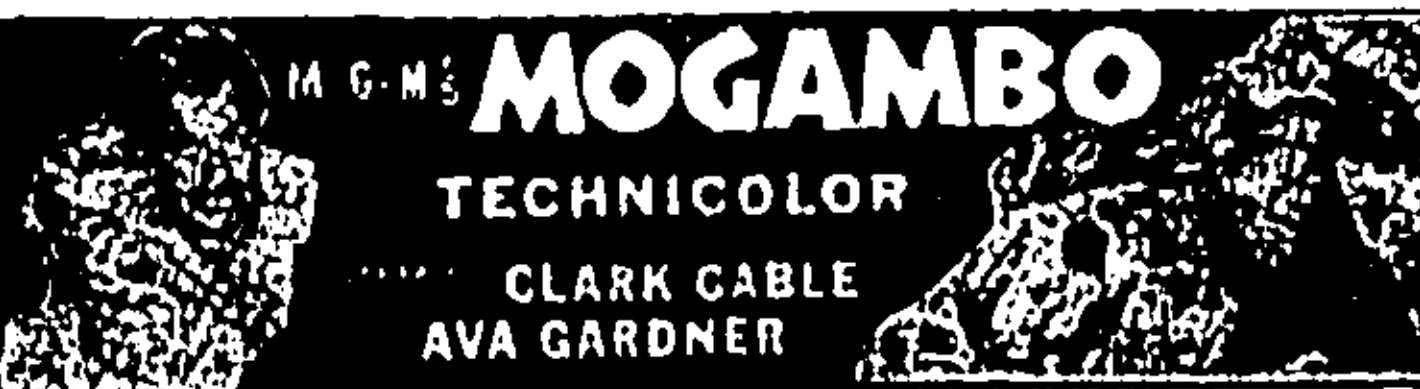
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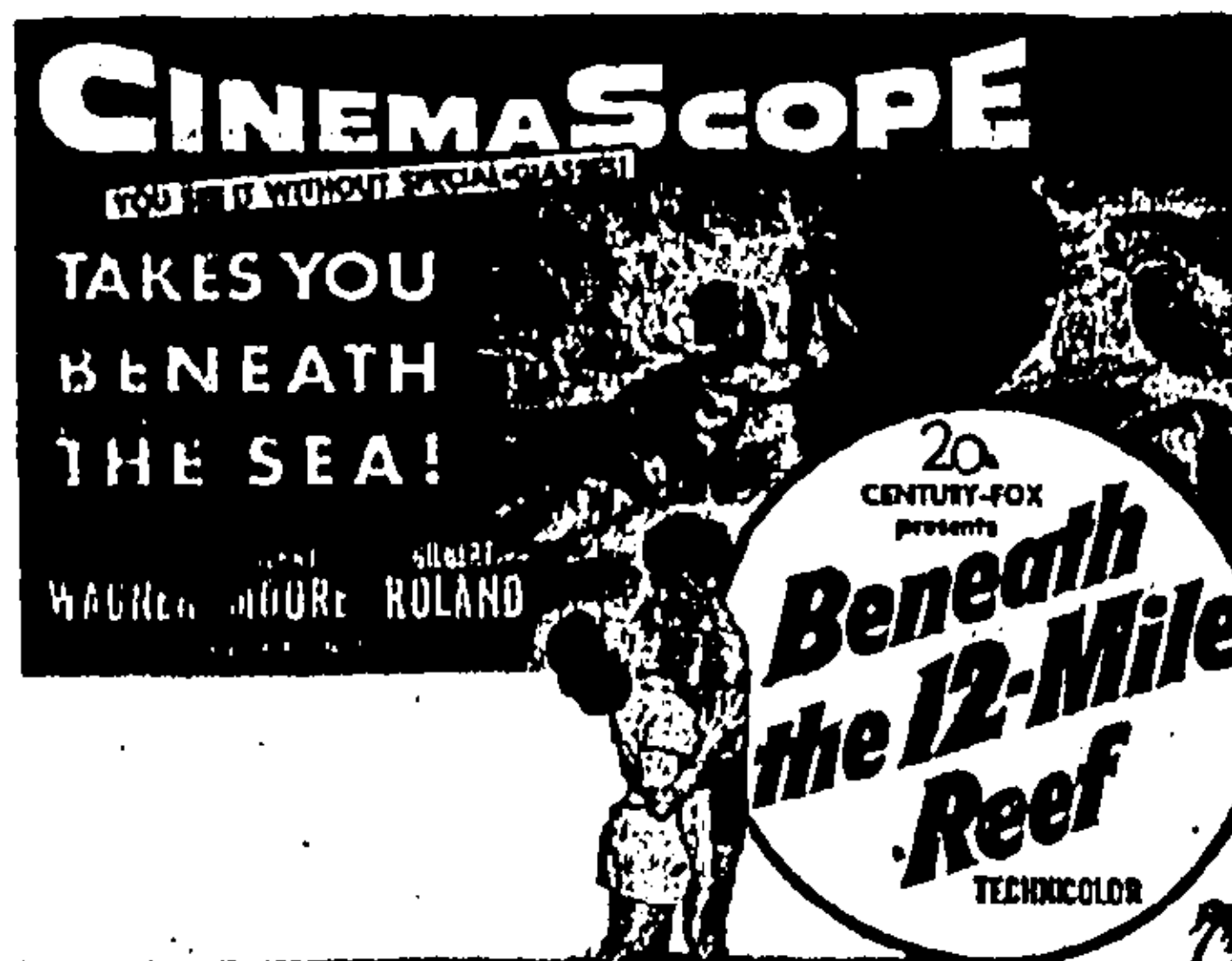
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Output
Of Shoddy Goods

London, Apr. 22.

Moscow Radio today revealed that the Soviet Finance Minister, Mr. Arseni Zverev had severely criticised a number of industries for the huge array of shoddy goods (£285,500,000 worth) it had turned out during 1953.

This was, he said, a direct loss of output, and a direct financial loss to the state.

Observers in London pointed out that Russia's factories and stores have the right to reject ordered goods which they consider to be faulty.

The two Chambers of the Soviet Legislature met again separately today to discuss the budget.

Moscow Radio reported that the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, attended a meeting of the Council of the Union, which approved with some amendments Mr. Zverev's budget proposals.

Other Soviet leaders present included the Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, the Soviet head of State, and Mr. Lazar Kaganovich, a first Deputy Prime Minister.

Moscow Radio said the delegates "warmly greeted" their appearance.

The full report of Mr. Zverev's budget speech broadcast today quoted his criticisms of several ministries.

He said that in the coal industry, more than half the pits last year failed to fulfil their "labour productivity tasks."

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Certain pits, trusts and combines had not even reached the pre-war level of production, he said.

The haulage of timber per worker in 1953 was four per cent lower than in 1940, Russia's last pre-war year, despite increased mechanisation, he said.

The Finance Minister said that failure to achieve production targets was normally accompanied by failure to reduce costs and build up reserves.

The biggest shortcomings were in the Ministries of the Timber and Paper Industry, of Construction Materials and of the Food Ministry.

Further complaints about ministerial deficiencies were voiced by Mr. Arseni Zverev, Chairman of the Budget Commission of the Council of Nationalities.

MUST DO BETTER

In the debate which followed Mr. Zverev's report, he named three ministries who he said would have to do better in future.

He said the Minister of Sea and River Navigation, Mr. Zosin Shushikov, was responsible for the "uneconomic administration of water transport so that some ship accounts showed a deficit at the end of the year."

The Minister of the Coal Industry, Mr. Alexander Zasyrko, and Minister of Farms, Mr. Alexei Kozlov, were told they must speed up the development

of housing estates for workers of their Ministries.

Mr. Safronov said their subordinates at the Ministries had not made full use of funds for housing with the result that the building of houses had lagged behind.

He also complained that the Soviet oil industry was run by too many officials and that there are too many departments resulting in too heavy overhead expenses.—Reuter.

Mr Dean
Leaves For
Sth Korea

Washington, Apr. 22.

Mr. Arthur Dean, formerly head of the American delegation to the preliminary talks at Panmunjom, left New York by plane today for Seoul, where he will have talks with South Korean President Syngman Rhee.

Mr. Dean's mission will be (1) to inform President Rhee directly of the United States policy concerning Korea, and (2) to exchange views with him regarding the various aspects of the Geneva conference.

Mr. Dean's sudden trip was made at the request of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Mr. Dean will have the personal rank of ambassador. He will work in conjunction with the United States ambassador in Korea, Ellis Briggs. He will consult with President Rhee on matters relating to the Geneva conference.

The South Korean President had accepted Mr. Dulles's suggestion to send Mr. Dean to Seoul. A State Department spokesman said it was not known how long Mr. Dean would stay in Korea.

Mr. Dean announced on February 26 he would not be in a position to take part in the Geneva conference. He made this announcement after a bitter attack made on him by a congressman, who accused him of favouring a policy of appeasement towards Communist China.—France-Press.

Charged With Murder



Being driven from Southampton Dock on his arrival under police escort aboard the British liner Alcantara the other day, is 62-year-old Cheba artist William Sanchez De Pina Hopper, who has been extradited from Spain to face a charge of murder. He is to appear before Hove magistrates after being formally charged with the murder of Margaret Rose Louise Spevick, whose death was discovered on February 7.—Reuterphoto.

US Senators Are
Angry
With Mr Nehru

Washington, Apr. 22.

In the Senate today, Republican Senators criticised the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, for his statement that his foreign policy banned foreign troops from passing through India "either by flying over or in another way."

The criticism was made by the Chairman of Senate Republican Policy Committee, Senator Homer Ferguson, and the Republican Party leader, Senator William Knowland, in the Chamber and by the Chairman of Appropriations Committee, Senator Styles Bridges, in connection with the transport of French paratroopers to Indo-China in United States Air Force planes.

Senator Ferguson said Mr. Nehru's attitude "to say the least gave aid and comfort to the Communist world."

Senator Bridges said the United States had poured millions of dollars into India through the mutual security programme. He declared he wanted the Director of the Programme, Mr. Harold Stassen, to consider Mr. Nehru's statement "before he comes to the Appropriation's Committee asking for more millions for India."

Senator Knowland compared Mr. Nehru to a property owner, who objected to firemen running a hose across his property to reach the burning house of a neighbour.

He said there was no question as to the legal position which Mr. Nehru had taken.

A country had the right to object to foreign planes flying over its soil, he added, "but I do want to say that it is a very sad thing when the free world is trying to build collective security against Communism, that Nehru has taken this position."—Reuter.

Two Italian Jets
Collide

Naples, Apr. 22.

Two Italian jet aircraft collided at a great height today, some miles from Naples.

One of the two pilots parachuted to safety, but the other was killed in the collision.—France-Press.

Magsaysay Orders
Meeting On
Reparations Deadlock

Manila, Apr. 22.

President Ramon Magsaysay today called Philippine Congress leaders to a meeting at Malacanang Palace for a top-level conference on the Japanese reparations deadlock.

Divergent views on reparations negotiations, held by Philippine and Japanese negotiators were disclosed yesterday with the release of notes exchanged between the Acting Foreign Secretary, Mr. Leon Guerrero and the Japanese reparations ambassador, Mr. Shozo Murata.

Mr. Guerrero said in a note he understood that the memorandum signed by the Philippines Foreign Secretary, Carlos P. Garcia, and Japanese Minister Katsuni Ohno on April 16 for \$400,000,000 Japanese reparations constituted "merely the starting point for formal negotiation of a reparations agreement."

They are also demanding that Japan must waive the protective clauses in the San Francisco peace treaty "to save the reparations negotiations from collapse."

The Senators rejected the Garcia-Ohno memorandum at a meeting in Malacanang Palace on Wednesday, it was reported today.

They said if Mr. Murata was unable to discuss other basis for reparations payments, the Japanese delegation had "better pack up and go home."

President Magsaysay announced changes in the Philippine reparations delegation today, but Senator Jose P. Laurel remained as Chairman. No reasons were given for the changes.

Meanwhile Philippine Senators wielding strong influence in Government foreign policy decisions are now demanding

Senate leaders Claro Recto and Lorenzo Tanada said they viewed with misgivings the Tokyo report that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Okazaki, would not increase the \$400,000,000 reparations offer.

Senator Recto said this amount was unsatisfactory and reiterated the Senate policy of "No reparations, no peace treaty ratification."—Reuter.

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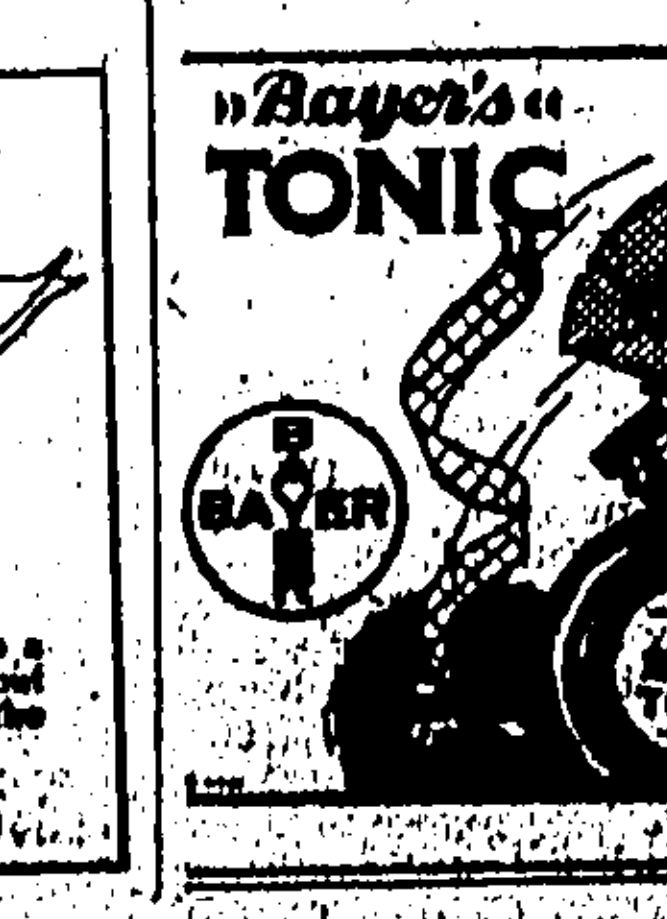
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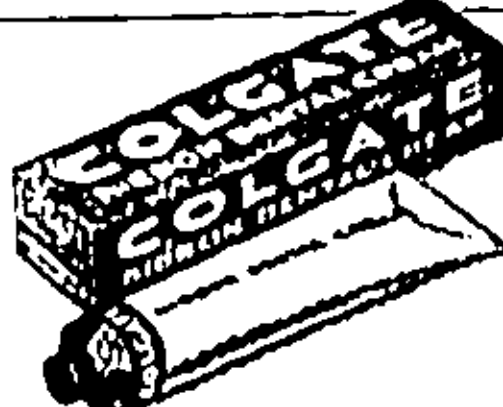
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Attlee (the Enigma) sums up Attlee (the Romantic)

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

THE Sphinx has spoken, the Enigma has explained. In fact, Mr Clement Attlee has told his life story in autobiographical form.

Despite a genius for understatement, Mr Attlee cannot completely suppress the romanticism of his remarkable career. That he should follow a triumphant Caesar in 1945, and later find himself threatened from within by a burly Cassius from Wales, would inflame any normal man's sense of drama.

But Mr Attlee, as a self-revelationist, is positively sub-normal.

He learned practical democracy as the fourth son and the seventh child in a family of eight. There were many cousins as well, and it is interesting to note a strong tendency for the girls to become missionaries and the boys to take to the law. It might be said that Clement Attlee had yearnings in both directions.

But at Oxford he was "far too shy to speak in the Union debates." Over and over again in this modest book one finds the confession: "I was painfully shy." Even when he writes of Oxford he almost hides his real affection for it in the prim reticence of his language.

Loved Poetry

Yet, surprisingly, he loved poetry. Perhaps in the voluptuousness of poetry he found release from his self-imposed restraint. Even when he took up the law he says no more than this: "I went into chambers in which Sir IL F. Dickens, son of the novelist, was the KC."

Did they ever discuss the great Dickens? Perhaps not. Colonel Bramble's allusions are nothing compared to those of Mr Attlee.

In 1921 an event of supreme importance took place. He went on a European tour with a friend who brought along his sister. Attlee fell in love and married her. She must have been a young woman of great beauty then, for even today she possesses both loveliness and charm.

In fact, she is a perfect wife, for even in the fiercest debates at Westminster she leans over

from Mr Speaker's gallery, silently urging the little Christian not to be afraid of the Big Bad Lion.

It is an historic fact that the marriages of our last three Prime Ministers—Chamberlain, Churchill and Attlee—have been real and enduring romances. We have seen three wives as nearly perfect as it is good for them to be.

But does our author pause in his story to rhapsodize on his romance? Here is how he tells it:—

"A week or two after our return I asked Miss Millar to go to a football match with me. When the day came the ground was too hard for football and we went to Richmond Park instead. During the afternoon I proposed and had the good fortune to be accepted."

True Love

So that was that. At any rate it proves that true love can exist even in a cold climate, or perhaps especially in a cold climate.

This was in 1921, but already Clement Attlee had proved himself a man of courage and integrity.

In spite of the discouragement of the recruiting sergeants he joined the Army in the 1914 war and fought at Gallipoli. Looking back on that Churchillian venture which might have altered the whole course of the war in our favour, Mr Attlee blames the War Office.

"Elderly and hide-bound generals," he writes, "were not the men to push through an adventure of this kind." And then he allows his mind to linger on the friendship of arms. But he dare not trust himself, so he borrows a poet's phrase:—"I feel the stir of fellowship in all disastrous flight."

Fine Record

Badly wounded... home to Blighty... a fine record behind him as the youngest mayor of Stapeley of man of character. But, who would say that he was a man of destiny? The first Socialist Government is in office, and the financial clouds are darkening ominously. "There was no chance," writes

Attlee, "against Snowden's penantry and MacDonald's vanity."

From that point the book takes on the familiar story of Munich, the war, and the first Socialist Government in British history that had a majority over all. Nor was there any question who would be Prime Minister.

When it was seen that a grateful electorate had booted Churchill out, and Mr Attlee actually found himself Prime Minister, he might well have been excused if, in his autobiography, he paused to gaze upon his reflection in the mirror.

What were his thoughts? What was it like to be cloaked in history? And what had the new hostess of Downing Street to say to her victorious lord?

Mr Attlee describes No. 10 and points out that it needed some alterations. Then he adds: "We settled in and found it very comfortable. Actually I saw more of my family during the period than ever before as now I was living on the job."

No Criticism

In this book there are no purple passages, no indelicate, no character assassinations, except in the case of Snowden and MacDonald, no unfair criticism of public figures and not much praise. He pays genuine tributes, however, to Stafford Cripps and Ernest Bevin, perhaps on the principle of praising men when they are dead.

Yet, lacking warmth and eloquence and magnetism, Clement Attlee stands today as the indestructible leader of the Socialist Party.

What is more, he stands before the nation and before history as a man of honour and a man of courage—who has served his country selflessly and with good intentions.

He does not state this in his book, but as one who hopes that Clement Attlee will break his neck in the next General Election Sleepchase, I write these words of tribute for him.

Not for the first time in political history we see the power of modesty and the indestructibility of character. They will always triumph over errors of judgment. Or nearly always.

WHO LIFTED THE SAFETY CATCH?

BY CHARLES WINTOUR

THERE are three big issues in the Socialist row about the Quebec agreement on the atom bomb. These are the issue of secrecy, the issue of the veto, and the issue of loyalty.

Let us look at the facts. After the war the Americans did not wish to share their atom secrets with Britain. Equally Mr Attlee did not share his own A-secrets with his colleagues.

For the revelations made by Churchill about the secret agreements fell on the Socialists as a most disagreeable surprise.

Even senior ex-Ministers in Mr Attlee's Cabinet did not know what Mr Attlee was doing. The New Statesman has said that "judging by the comment of ex-Ministers after last Monday's debate it is doubtful whether even the Defence Committee was informed of the terms of the new [Attlee] agreement."

Certainly Mr Strachey, a former War Minister, speaking after Churchill, gave such a shaky exposition of the situation that it seems unlikely he knew anything about either the Quebec agreement or the subsequent changes.

So most of the Socialists had no conception of the strong position that Churchill had won for Britain in his wartime discussions with the American President.

They did not realise that under Clause II of the agreement Britain and America had agreed not to use the bomb against third parties without each other's consent.

MISLED?

THEY did not know that America had agreed to "full and effective interchange of information and ideas."

And they were never informed of the modifications to that agreement made by Mr Attlee.

Contrast this secrecy maintained by the Socialist leader in time of peace with Churchill's conduct in war.

Mr Morrison told the Commons that "of course we were aware of it [the Quebec agreement], those of us who were entitled to know."

Now, presumably after inspecting the files, Mr Morrison says he was in error and that the War Cabinet was never informed of the agreement, either before or afterwards.

I believe that Mr Morrison's original recollection was correct and that the files have misled him.

For at the end of the Quebec conference Churchill cabled Mr Attlee and the War Cabinet saying: "Everything here has gone off well. We have secured a settlement of a number of hitherto intractable questions, e.g., the Southeast Command, Tube Alloys, and French Committee recognition." (Tube Alloys was the code name for atom bomb research).

MOST SECRET

CAN anyone expect that Churchill would have mentioned this agreement on Tube Alloys in the cable if his colleagues had not known what was meant by Tube Alloys?

And can anyone believe that following this cable the members of the War Cabinet (which included Mr Bevin and Mr Morrison) made no inquiry about the form of the agreement when Churchill returned?

"Tube Alloys" was the most secret of secret things. Maybe it was considered wise to make no mention of the agreement even in the minutes of the War Cabinet.

The suggestion that Churchill did not inform his Cabinet colleagues about the agreement cannot be sustained.

So on the issue of secrecy Mr Attlee was more reticent than Churchill—at a time when security mattered less and collective responsibility more.

Now for the even more important issue of the veto. The hullabaloo about the H-bomb tests was led by those who always seek to revive that smear from the 1951 election "Whose finger on the trigger?"

But Churchill completely blocked their campaign this time by revealing that at Quebec "he placed his finger firmly on the safety catch. For there he obtained the right of

veto on the use by America of nuclear weapons.

So the question to be resolved is this:—

"WHO LIFTED THE SAFETY CATCH?"

And here the confusion is great, and nowhere is it greater than in the mind of Mr Attlee.

For when Churchill charged the Socialist Government with "agreeing to abandon these all-important provisions and precautions..." Mr Attlee rose and uttered these words:—

"We did not abandon any of these agreements: we carried them on with the United States Government. Unfortunately, the Senate passed the McMahon Act, which prevented them carrying out those agreements."

What Mr Attlee seems to have forgotten is this: the American Administration was never prevented from carrying on the veto clause of the Quebec agreement by the McMahon Act. For the McMahon Act only restricted exchange of information.

The veto was still in force after the McMahon Act had

that the veto was "abrogated" in 1948, though other parts of the Quebec agreement were continued in a modified form.

Whether the Quebec veto was "removed," "cancelled," or "abrogated," it was dead. And so far as this country is concerned the responsibility must lie with Mr Attlee.

The issue of loyalty can be quickly disposed of. Mr Attlee became indignant at Churchill's charges in the House. He made a big point of the fact that in the debate he had never mentioned the Quebec agreement and giving away the industrial advantages. "I was too loyal," he said to the accompaniment of loud Socialist cheers.

CURIOUS

BUT new evidence is now available on this point. In his autobiography Mr Attlee refers to the Quebec agreement, and says "the industrial use of the bomb had been specifically conceded to the United States."

How strange that Mr Attlee should mention the industrial aspect of the Quebec agreement while omitting its most powerful safeguard, the veto. And how curious that Mr Attlee should open himself on not mentioning the industrial agreement in the debate when he knew that he had already made a disclosure about it in his book.

There is another revelation in the autobiography which some people may find damaging to Mr Attlee's reputation. He attacks the "current idea that international questions can be settled by intimate talks between a few leading statesmen."

But in the debate Mr Attlee actually proposed the motion asking for high-level talks between Churchill, Eisenhower, and Malenkov. What seemed so undesirable when Churchill proposed it has suddenly become an act of high statesmanship. Why?

INDEBTED

I BELIEVE it is right that the problem of the hydrogen bomb should be discussed soberly and dispassionately. But it is also right that it should be discussed with the fullest possible knowledge of events leading up to the current position.

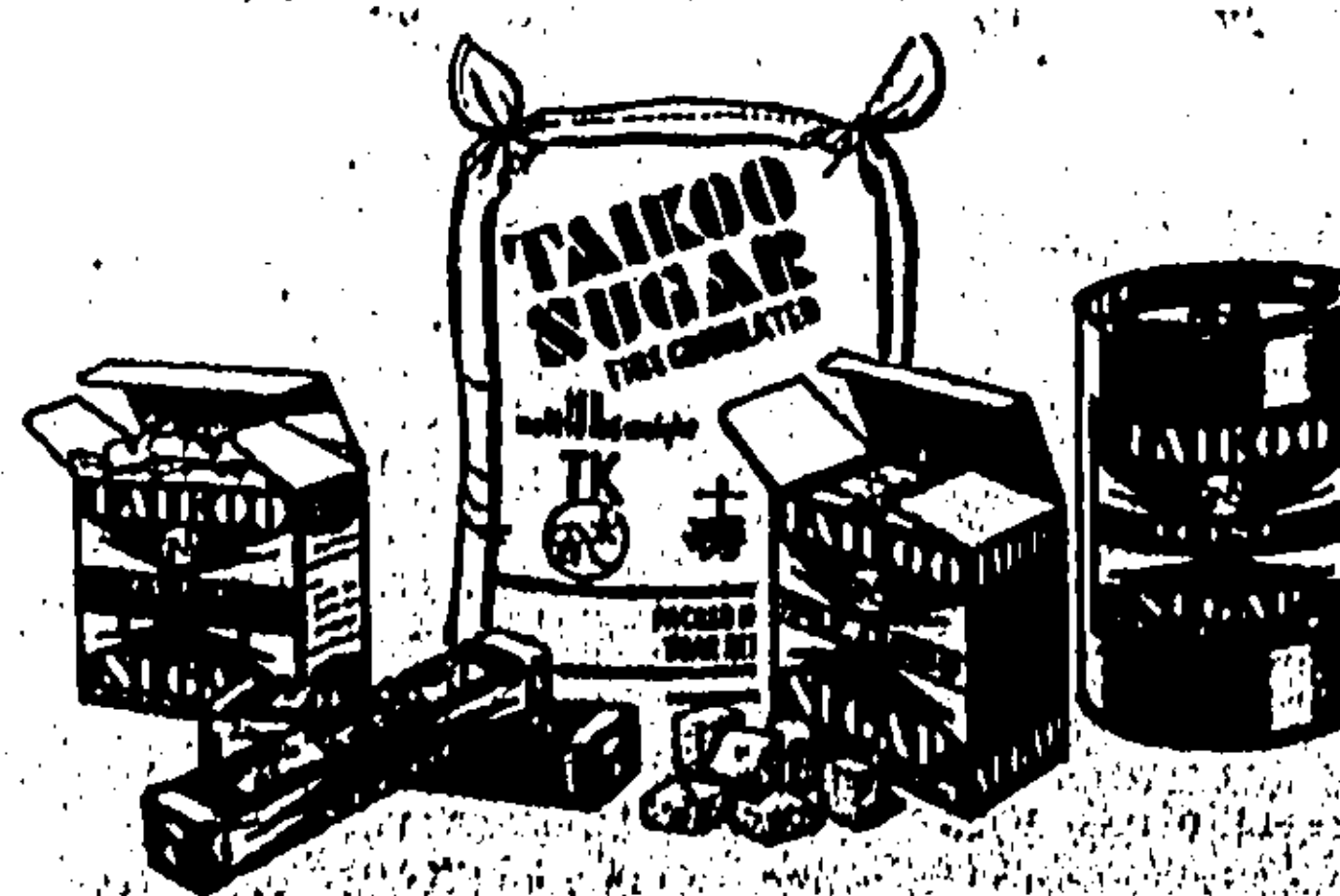
The British people are therefore indebted to Churchill for his revelations. And they must hope that he will now obtain the necessary American agreement to publish the 1948 agreement which Mr Attlee has kept so secret for so long.

Mr Attlee's conduct in this vital matter may yet be explained satisfactorily.

But reviewing the known facts he appears to have been secretive in action, tortuous in diplomacy, muddled in explanation, and contradictory in conduct.

He emerges from the H-bomb debate with diminished standing.

TAIKOO SUGAR HALF CUBES GRANULATED ICING CASTER



Wong Peng - soon To Be Reinstated By The BAM

Singapore, Apr. 23.

Malaya's biggest badminton controversy was ended on Thursday and World Champion Wong Peng-son and his three colleagues are now back in the fold of the Badminton Association of Malaya.

Playing the part of chief mediator was the Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, at whose residence the final meeting was held yesterday.

Attending the meeting were also Mr Heah Joo Seang, President of the Badminton Association of Malaya, three officials of the Singapore Badminton Association, representatives of the Mayflower Badminton Party—which made the controversial tour of Formosa in December last year—and Cheong Hock Leng, a member of the touring team.

PRESS STATEMENT

A press statement issued after the meeting said, "As a result of friendly discussions—following earlier talks in which the Mayflower Badminton Party and the Selangor Badminton Association also took part—misunderstandings and differences of opinion on badminton affairs were completely removed."

It was agreed that the Mayflower and Ellipse parties would seek re-affiliation to the Singapore Badminton Association and that the officers of the Association (present at the meeting) would recommend to their colleagues on the committee acceptance of the applications.

"Heah Joo Seang expressed great pleasure at this development and said that the BAM would welcome the full return of Wong Peng-son, Abdullah Piruz, Cheong Hock Leng and Lim Koon Yam to the Malayan badminton fraternity."

Major League Baseball

New York, Apr. 22.

Pittsburgh's poor, down-trodden doormats did a little foot-wiping of their own today as they pushed the Giants into last place in the National League with a 7-4 victory behind the strong pitching of rookie right-hander George O'Donnell.

Young O'Donnell, who was the "Rookie of the Year" with Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League last season, gave up eight hits and most of the trouble he encountered was not of his own making.

It was Pittsburgh's third victory in four games with the Giants and the Bucs lost no time in wrapping it up. Hal Rice hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and in the third the Pirates kayaked starter Ruben Gomez when they scored three more runs, batting around on four hits and a pair of walks.

The Giants picked up their first two runs on lead-off triples by Willie Mays in the fourth and Monte Irvin in the fifth, Mays scoring on Don Mueller's sacrifice fly and Irvin on an infield out.

When the Giants loaded the bases with none out in the eighth on a pair of errors by shortstop Alie, rookie O'Donnell pitched his way out of trouble.

In the only other Major League game scheduled for today or tonight, the Orioles defeated the Indians at Baltimore, 4-1, by knocking Mike Garcia out of the game in the first inning.

Bobby Young, Ed Walkus and Gil Coan singled in succession for one run and Coan stole second. Then Vic Wertz hit a two-run single. Art Houtteman replaced Garcia and pitched four-hit ball the rest of the way.

Duane Pillette, picking up his second triumph for the Orioles, held Cleveland to five hits, striking out six and walking four.

The scores were:

American League			
	R	H	E
Cleveland	5	6	1
Baltimore	4	8	1

National League			
	R	H	E
New York	4	8	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	3

United Press.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 22.

Football results today were:

F.A. Amateur Cup Second Replay

Bishop A'land 0 Crook Town 1

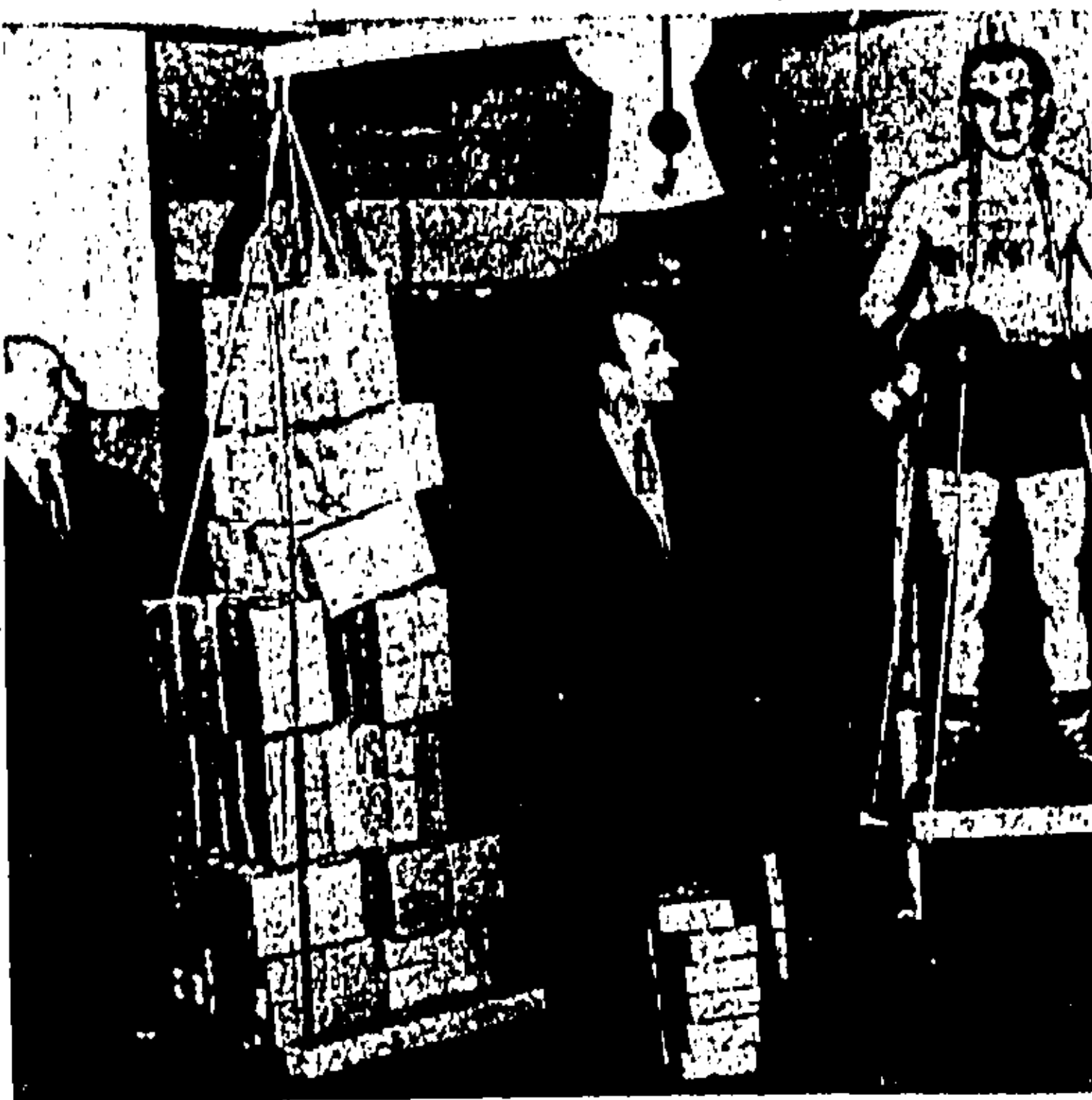
Division III (Southern)

Leyton Orient 1 Watford 1

Newport 1 Colchester 1

—Reuter.

WEIGHED IN CHOCOLATE



The famous French boxer, Charles Humez, is weighed at his training quarters in Paris and on the other side of the scales is his weight in chocolate, a gift from French Sweet Manufacturers. Humez said he will donate part of the chocolate to needy old folks and part for the children of his native town, Henin Lietard.—Express Photo.

WHAT! ME RETIRE? NO FEAR...

Says JOE MERCER

(Captain of Arsenal, aged 39, who broke two bones in his right leg at Highbury and is now in a London hospital.)

What! Me retire? No fear. When I retire from football it will be on two good legs, not on my back. It's pretty grim to think that this should have happened at my time of Soccer life. But there's always a bright side. It could have happened at the start of my career.

Season after season for the past few years I've had a lurking suspicion—it's been much stronger than that with my wife, Nora—that this was the time to retire.

But as each season has come round I have felt the urge in the old feet and legs to have just another go—you know how it is—and I've a notion that when this job is over and done with I'll feel just the same way again.

My right leg is broken in two places below the knee. It's in splints now, but there's a bit of tidying up to do and then we'll all have a clearer idea of things.

I know what the medico will say for sure, but I've defied the doctors before now. I shall, of course, be guided by the greatest football boss in the world, Mr Tom Whittaker.

I didn't sleep much on the first night, and that gave me a device of a lot of time to think. I thought a lot of poor old Joe Wade, our back, with whom I came in collision.

I'll wager Joe never slept. He knows that I am as sorry for him as I am for myself. I hope Joe heard me shout when I was being carried off. I noticed he had his head in his hands, poor chap, but I did try to muster up enough strength to shout to him: "Not to worry, son."

(At half-time Joe Wade went into the message room to see Mercer and was greeted with "Don't let this put you off your game, Joe, it wasn't your fault." Said Wade: "I was in tears. I never felt so sick about anything in all my life.")

"WHAT A JOKE!" I've played in five full international games for England, three

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ASIAN GAMES SOCCER

Hongkong Draws South Korea In First Round

Hongkong will meet South Korea in one of four qualifying-round matches on May 1 in the Asian Games Football Championship.

Afghanistan, the third member in Hongkong's group, will meet the winners of Hongkong v South Korea on May 4 and the losers on May 2.

The 12 teams in the football tournament have been divided into four groups of three teams each. Competition in each group will be on a round-robin basis.

The four matches on May 1, the first day of play in the qualifying round are as follows: Group A—China v Vietnam; Philippines—bye. Group B—Singapore v Pakistan; Burma—bye. Group C—Japan v Indonesia; India—bye. Group D—Korea v Hongkong; Afghanistan—bye.

Qualifying-round matches will be held on May 1, 2 and 4, four per day. The semi-finals will be held on May 6 and the final on May 8.

Ties in the qualifying-round will be broken by counting the goals made during the round. If there are ties in win-and-loss percentage and goals made during the round the championship will be determined by drawing lots.

The Track & Field competition will be held May 2-5 and the six-event Shooting programme May 3-7. The programme for Swimming, including water polo, in which Hongkong are entered, was to have been mapped out last night.

Basketball will be held May 2-8, Boxing May 5-8, Wrestling May 1-3 and Weight-lifting May 1, 4 and 6. In basketball, Nationalist China drew Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and for Group opponents, the Philippines. Defending champions, drew South Korea, who finished sixth at the last Olympics, Singapore and Cambodia.

HONGKONG'S PROGRAMME

Hongkong's programme for Soccer, Shooting and Athletics are as follows (swimming not available yesterday):

Soccer—Hongkong v South Korea, May 1. Soccer—Loss of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan. Athletics—100 metres dash (heats), 3.15 p.m.; 200 metres dash (heats), 3.45 p.m.; 400 metres dash (heats), 4.15 p.m.; 800 metres dash (heats), 4.45 p.m.; 1,600 metres dash (heats), 5.15 p.m.; 3,200 metres dash (heats), 5.45 p.m.; 6,400 metres dash (heats), 6.15 p.m.; 12,800 metres dash (heats), 6.45 p.m.; 25,600 metres dash (heats), 7.15 p.m.; 51,200 metres dash (heats), 7.45 p.m.; 102,400 metres dash (heats), 8.15 p.m.; 204,800 metres dash (heats), 8.45 p.m.; 409,600 metres dash (heats), 9.15 p.m.; 819,200 metres dash (heats), 9.45 p.m.; 1,638,400 metres dash (heats), 10.15 p.m.; 3,276,800 metres dash (heats), 10.45 p.m.; 6,553,600 metres dash (heats), 11.15 p.m.; 13,107,200 metres dash (heats), 11.45 p.m.; 26,214,400 metres dash (heats), 12.15 p.m.; 52,428,800 metres dash (heats), 12.45 p.m.; 104,857,600 metres dash (heats), 1.15 p.m.; 209,715,200 metres dash (heats), 1.45 p.m.; 419,430,400 metres dash (heats), 2.15 p.m.; 838,860,800 metres dash (heats), 2.45 p.m.; 1,677,721,600 metres dash (heats), 3.15 p.m.; 3,355,443,200 metres dash (heats), 3.45 p.m.; 6,710,886,400 metres dash (heats), 4.15 p.m.; 13,421,772,800 metres dash (heats), 4.45 p.m.; 26,843,545,600 metres dash (heats), 5.15 p.m.; 53,687,091,200 metres dash (heats), 5.45 p.m.; 107,374,182,400 metres dash (heats), 6.15 p.m.; 214,748,364,800 metres dash (heats), 6.45 p.m.; 429,496,729,600 metres dash (heats), 7.15 p.m.; 858,993,459,200 metres dash (heats), 7.45 p.m.; 1,717,986,918,400 metres dash (heats), 8.15 p.m.; 3,435,973,836,800 metres dash (heats), 8.45 p.m.; 6,871,947,673,600 metres dash (heats), 9.15 p.m.; 13,743,895,347,200 metres dash (heats), 9.45 p.m.; 27,487,790,694,400 metres dash (heats), 10.15 p.m.; 54,975,581,388,800 metres dash (heats), 10.45 p.m.; 109,951,162,777,600 metres dash (heats), 11.15 p.m.; 219,902,325,555,200 metres dash (heats), 11.45 p.m.; 439,804,651,110,400 metres dash (heats), 12.15 p.m.; 879,609,302,220,800 metres dash (heats), 12.45 p.m.; 1,759,218,604,441,600 metres dash (heats), 1.15 p.m.; 3,518,437,208,883,200 metres dash (heats), 1.45 p.m.; 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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 8th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1954.

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Transition In Lancashire: Move Towards Synthetics

London, Apr. 22.

The most interesting thing about the Lancashire cotton industry is not its decline — in which the statisticians revel — but its transition. Its character and its technique are slowly changing.

Part of the cotton industry is still sticking wholly to cotton; in 1953 some 82 per cent of the spindles and some 70 per cent of the looms were devoted wholly to cotton and shunned synthetic fibres.

However, they are making some new kinds of cotton cloth with qualities (and prices) fully competitive with rayon and other synthetic cloths; they can put on a very good show though it would still be a fairly small one.

On the finishing end of this section of the industry, there is a new tendency to expand vertically; companies which believe that they have a sound grip on the future are now tending to buy up companies which handle the earlier stages of their raw material. In general, this is a new Lancashire for the tendency in the past has been to expand horizontally.

The section which combats cotton with the synthetic fibres such as rayon staple (far more popular in the trade than filament rayon), nylon staple and terylene staple is steadily expanding both in quantity of production and in novel yarns and fabrics.

Like the 100 per cent cotton section, this one is also expanding vertically. In both cases the tendency to buy up spinning mills is economic as well as technological; they are convinced that they can make their own cotton yarns much more cheaply than they buy it from the piker-faced members of the Cotton Spinners' Association.

But don't throw any bricks at the Cotton Spinners' Association. It was formed, against all the instincts of Lancashire, under severe pressure from a distracted Tory Government many years ago.

GENERAL CONTRACTION

But these developments only partly conceal the general contraction in the industry.

In 1952 a conference of cotton exporters declared that a reasonable export target was 1,350,000,000 yards a year. Today the target is about one-half that figure. But the decline is largely in the "re-export" of foreign grey cloth imported into England and finished; the actual amount of wholly British cotton cloth exported is somewhat higher than it was in 1952.

In short, the transition is towards new and attractive types of cotton cloths and cotton-synthetic-fibre cloths which are expected to pay well.

But there is still a substantial section which makes standard types of cotton goods designed for export markets in the Far East; competition from Japan causes anguish here. — United Press.

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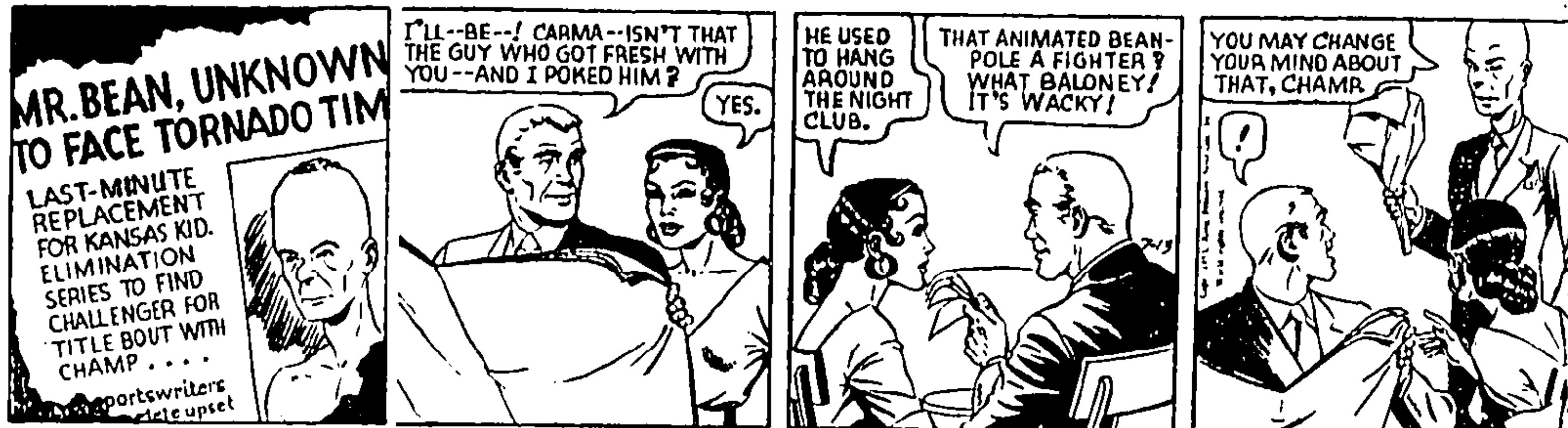
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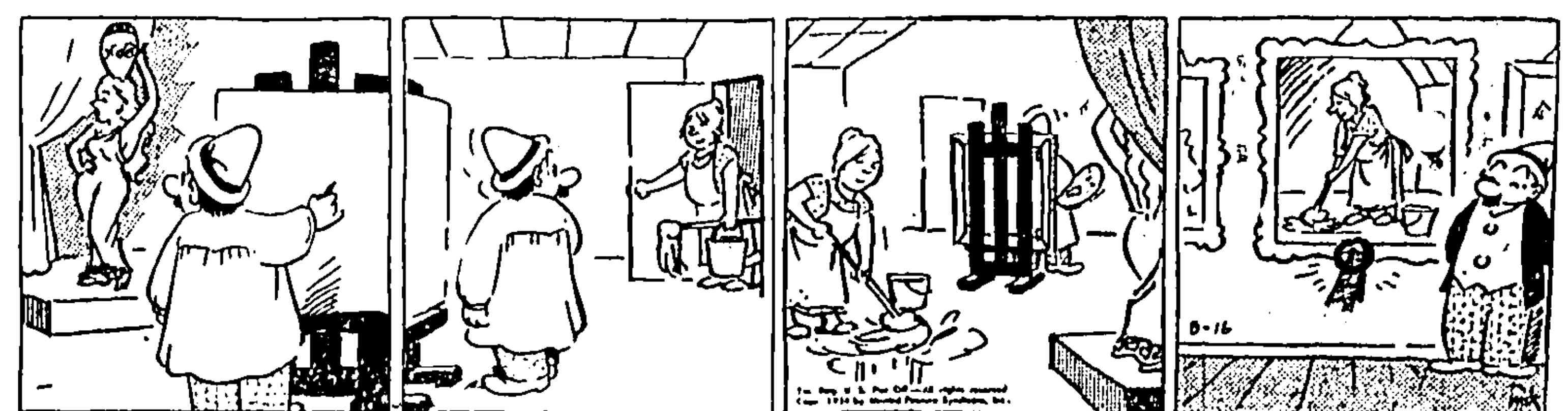
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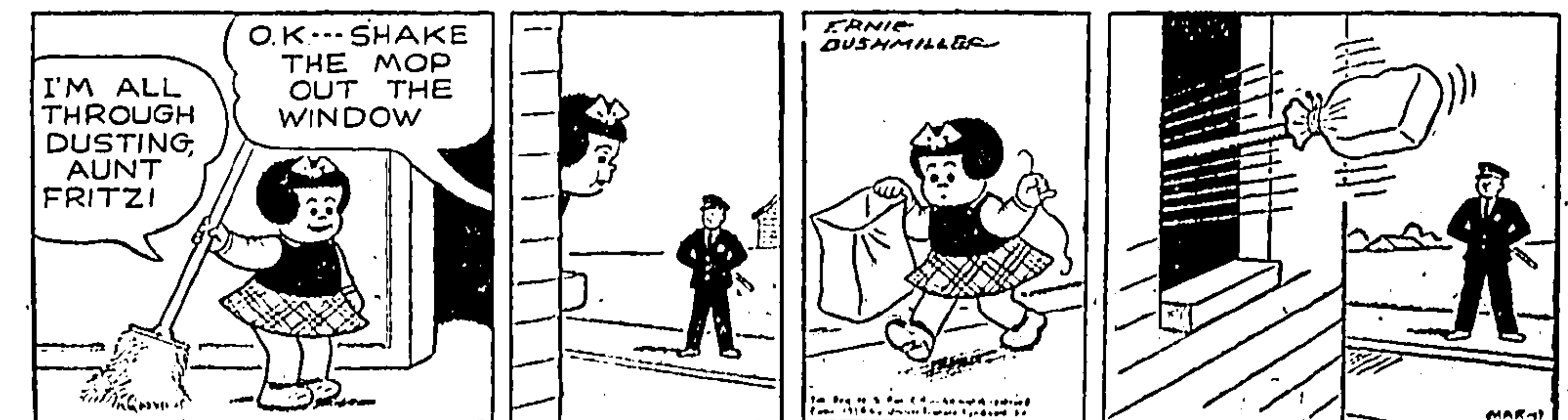
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Jordan Expects UK Aid In Event Of War

Amman, Jordan, Apr. 22.

The Jordanian Foreign Minister, Mr. Hussein Fakhri Khalidi, said today that it was "evident" that on the basis of a recent statement in the British House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain "would come to the aid of Jordan in any war against any country, including Israel," if a peaceful settlement proved impossible.

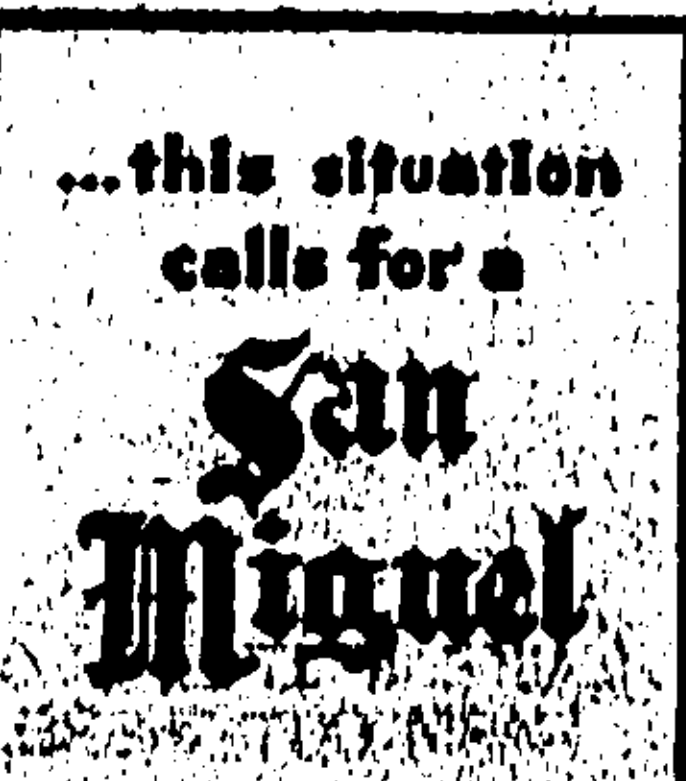
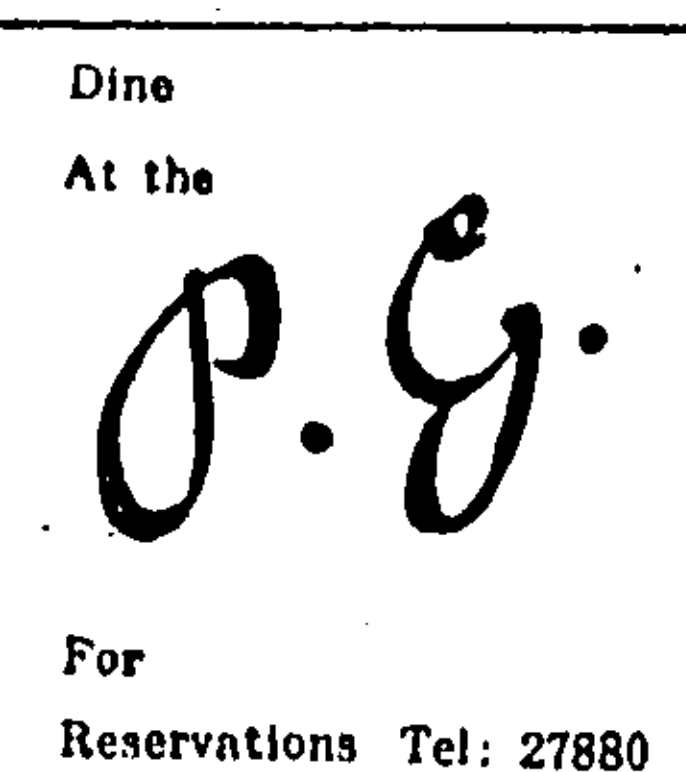
The Foreign Minister told a Press conference that after an exchange of memorandums on the subject with the British Government and a study of British explanations by the Jordanian Cabinet, this seemed to be the meaning of recent statements by Mr. Eden.

In a reference to Mr. Eden's remarks about British obligations to the United Nations in such cases, Mr. Khalidi expressed the view these obligations would not prevent Britain from extending military and political aid to Jordan in case Jordan was attacked.

The Foreign Minister also said that if the United Nations Security Council decides to discuss the "general" dispute between Jordan and Israel when taking up Jordan's complaint concerning the recent attack on the village of Nahalin, the Lebanese delegate would withdraw from the Council sessions.

Mr. Khalidi told a Press conference this decision was based on "instructions" given upon between the Arab countries.

The Jordanian complaint has been "double" before the Security Council by Lebanon.



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IT was late in the evening, and round a coffee-stall near King's Cross Station men who worked on the railways were sipping tea, munching buns, and discussing the day's work, when for some was just ending and for others about to begin.

About the fringe of the group there hovered a man in a broad and heavily shadowed hat, his shadow falling on the pavement like a cloud who was neither eating nor drinking, but seemed anxious for company.

A policeman, made suspicious by his inactivity, came up close under the lee of the broad man's shoulders, and presently he heard him say to his neighbour, in a softly pleasant Irish voice: "Could you possibly loan me enough for a cup of tea?"

JUST A LOAN

It was just what the policeman had expected to hear. He went up to the Irishman. "I'm arresting you for begging," he said.

"I beg your pardon," said the giant whose name was Tim, good-naturedly. "I was doing no such thing as begging. I was just asking for a loan."

"Come along," the officer said. At the Clerkwell court, next morning, Tim, a broad smile on his weather-rough, ruddy face, pleaded not guilty to the charge against him, and the story of his arrest was told to Mr. Frank Powell.

"Do you want to give evidence on oath?" the learned clerk presently asked him.

"Sure," he said, and lumbered round to the witness-box.

I'VE A FARM

"WHERE do you come from?" the clerk asked when Tim had taken the oath. "Why, from Kerry," Tim answered, "if there were no other place a man could come from and preserve his self-respect."

"What's your occupation?" asked the clerk.

"I've a farm," Tim said.

"A what?" The clerk laid down his pen. "People caught begging who say they have farms do not often appear in the courts."

"I've a farm in Kerry with my brother," said Tim. "We work it together. It's just I came over to give my sister a hand with her place up in Norfolk, doing some tree-felling and the like for her."

"Did you have any money?"

"No, yesterday I was caught short, so I was looking for a boy from Kerry that might lend me enough for a bed for the night. I've told the Post Office to get me some money from Ireland."

A policeman stepped forward to straighten things out. "I gather," he said, "that this man brought his mother over on a visit to his sister, and that he stayed on after his mother had left."

"He came over with £100, but he paid his sister for his keep, and that money has gone now. He tells me he has wired to Ireland for £6 to get him home."

"That's right," said Tim, approvingly. "So the other night I met a boy from Kerry in the street King's Cross way, and I was thinking, if I could see him again, he'd lend me the price of a bed till my money came from the Post Office."

A TALE TO TAKE HOME

"YOU don't seem to have fallen into our idea of society," the magistrate said. "We don't allow people to wander round looking for Kerry men in order to raise money. I shall discharge you absolutely."

"That's right," said Tim, and with his hands thrust deep into the pockets of his overcoat the man of property went out chuckling at the strange ways of the English, rehearsing already the story he would have to tell when the day's work on the farm was over back in Kerry.

Forms New Cabinet

Brussels, Apr. 23. M. Achille van Acker, a former Belgian Socialist Prime Minister, last night formed a Socialist-Liberal Coalition Government to replace the Catholic Government defeated in the general elections 11 days ago.

M. Paul Henri Spaak, a former Socialist Premier and Foreign Minister, widely known for his work as President of the European Consultative Assembly, becomes Foreign Minister in the new Cabinet.

M. Anton Spinoy, also a Socialist, will be Defence Minister.

M. Van Acker presented his new Cabinet to King Baudouin last night after solving last-minute difficulties caused by Liberal complaints that the Socialists were taking all the new posts.

This is the third time he has been Belgium's Prime Minister.

At 50 the former dockworker and bargee is an entirely self-made man.

Both the Socialist and Liberal parties voted overwhelmingly in favour of the new coalition.

Voting in the Liberal National Congress last night was 537 in favour, with one against and two abstentions.—Reuter.

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Killed Man With Pen-Knife

Sentence Deferred

Sequel to a fight between two young men was the appearance before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Pains Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning of Chin Mau-sing, an apprentice fitter, indicted for the murder of Pak Hung-chat on February 2. The incident took place at 66 Castle Peak Road, Tsimshui, where the men were employed.

Chin pleaded not guilty to the charge, but when told he could plead guilty to manslaughter if he wished, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, informed the Court he would accept accused's plea.

Miss B. K. Searle, instructed by Mr Francis Wong, appeared for the accused. She said accused was a very young man who was not uneducated or unintelligent. He had just finished his apprenticeship and was now a fully qualified fitter in an engineering workshop.

The unfortunate scuffle took place on the eve of last Chinese New Year at a time when possibly everybody was in a rather highly excited state, said Miss Searle. The accused had used a small pen-knife in striking at the deceased and the evidence of the only eyewitness of the incident in the Court below was clear that the deceased, a much bigger and older man than the accused, had picked a quarrel with the accused and had led to the fight between them. The evidence also showed, Counsel remarked, that deceased was in a high state of excitement and temper at the time.

Miss Searle submitted that the pen-knife could by no means be classed as a dangerous weapon and said it was most unfortunate that it had led to the deceased's death.

His Lordship observed that while the pen-knife was not a dangerous weapon, it had yet taken the life of a man. He agreed with Counsel that the whole incident would never have arisen if the deceased had not first attacked the accused.

He said he would like to consider the case before passing sentence. He thought every consideration should be given to the accused in the circumstances of the case. However, the use of instruments in the community here was so easy that anyone who killed someone could come along to the Court and plead guilty to manslaughter and get off scot free. He did not want to give any false impression in this regard and he would adjourn the case to consider what penalty he would impose on the accused. His Lordship said Counsel would be informed of the date when he proposed to pass sentence.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23

By Air
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

By Air
Malaya, Indonesia, 8 a.m.
Philippines, 9 a.m.
Burma, 10 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 11 a.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
U.S.A. Central and South America, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Siam, 1 p.m.
Burma, India, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

By Air
Formosa, Canada, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, 6 p.m.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Do I have to go to Jane's birthday party, Mom? I'm getting a nervous headache like you use for an excuse!"

Farce Gives Plenty Of Laughs

"In general," wrote Macaulay, "tragedy is corrupted by eloquence and comedy by wit."

"Will any Gentleman," by Vernon Silvalne, comes under this generalisation, where nearly every character is a man or woman of wit. This has the effect of a grand blaze of humour that has to be sustained for some two and a half hours, a difficult enough task for those whose bread and butter it is.

For amateurs, keeping the surface of this play of wit is very hard indeed, yet Guy Cory managed it last night with the Kai Tak Players. They more than held their own in the blaze.

Like most Silvalne farces, it was written with Robertson Hare and Alfred Drayton in view as the principal players—two actors more at home on the stage than off it. In the Robertson Hare part of the sleek little bank cashier who's never brought to the surface by a hypocrite, there was M. G. Bailey. His subservience to his bank manager, his wife and mother-in-law were well put over, but I would have preferred just a little more bombast when his other self was in the ascendant.

GOOD CASTING

On the other hand, his ne'er to wit brother Charlie (W. S. Lloyd) was excellent as the man who, though not quite as convincing when on the way to being reformed.

This, however, revealed good casting, as the two men were admirably suited to the major part of the characters they played.

These were the two principals. Following closely on in order of importance was Barry, the maid, played by Nam Wales. Her savage coyness was great fun and she seemed completely at ease on the stage, in contrast with one or two of the other characters who appeared a little uncertain about their gestures and movements.

Dr Smith, the absent-minded doctor, (J.A. Steff-Langton) had a nice bubbly part to play, with many clever lines, but it was Charles's that produced most laughs, a contributing factor being the obvious relief with which they were delivered. The sets were well designed, being not too elaborate, but may I be a little feminine and suggest in one or two cases a little straightening of hemlines? There was not room to comment individually on the whole cast, but here's the list of people who took part and who made me chuckle a great deal and very often roar with laughter!

D. Healy, W. H. N. Wales, Fiona Vernon, M. G. Bailey, Nam Wales, J. A. Steff-Langton, Daphne Braithwaite, W. S. Lloyd, N. Ranken, G. W. Cory, Mavis Bartlett, Janet Tomblin, J. D. Slater, Jane Roberts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Centenary Parade

Sir—Many of your Readers will have seen the recent Press release regarding the celebration of the Centenary of the Volunteers and noted that the celebrations will culminate in a Parade on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Sunday, May 30, 1954, at 9 a.m. There must be a large number of former Volunteers who have now left the ranks and it is felt that they should be represented on this Centenary Parade.

It is hoped, therefore, that ex-members of all pre-war Hong Kong Volunteer Units who served until 1945 will form a contingent in the Parade in plain clothes. To this end they are invited to send in their names and addresses to the Deputy Commandant, R.H.K.D.F. Headquarters, Happy Valley, giving their units and approximate dates of service. They are also requested to state whether they wish invitations sent to any of their relatives.

It is not intended that they should be asked to march on the March Past after the Ceremony, on the Cricket Club ground, but that they should form up by the Saluting Base at the Cenotaph.

The Centenary Committee hope very much that there will be a good response from all old Volunteers.

H. OWEN-HUGHES
Lieutenant Colonel,
Chairman,
Hongkong Volunteer
Centenary Committee.

ZAHEDI AND OIL TALKS

Tehran, Apr. 22. General Fazlollah Zahedi, the Persian Prime Minister, today told Parliament his Government would seek an oil agreement with the "consortium" of eight international companies in strict accord with the nationalisation laws.

General Zahedi, who led the uprising which overthrew Dr Mossadegh last August, formally resigned yesterday and was immediately reinstated by the Shah.

The oil "consortium" and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company delegation today met secretly. Later a communiqué was issued stating that "an exchange of views was held on all issues and further clarification is needed."—Router.

Consular Appointments

It was notified in the Government Gazette today that the Queen's Exquisite Empowering Mr. Dumbang Rusud to act as Vice-Consul for Indonesia at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's signature.

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has recognised Monsieur Jean van den Bosch, as Consul-General for Belgium at Hongkong, provisionally and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

Affidavits Read In Falconer Winding-Up Case

More affidavits were read before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court this morning when hearing resumed of the petition for the winding-up of George Falconer and Company (Hongkong), Ltd, brought by James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20 Braga Circuit, and a former Director of Falconer's.

The petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr D. A. L. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M. A. de Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J. W. Ipekdljan and Mr M. W. H. Seymour, shareholders, on behalf of the firm of Falconer's, for whom the Hon. Lee d'Almada, QC, Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, are appearing, all instructed by Mr G. Hampton, of Messrs Hastings and Company.

Mr R. W. S. Winttr, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Mr Ipekdljan and Mr Seymour as individual shareholders.

Mr Winttr, instructed by Mr Hammond, is also representing Mr Ipekdljan as creditor of the Company, and Messrs Ipekdljan Bros. as creditors.

KING'S DENIALS

This morning, Mr Yu continued his reading of an affidavit made by Mr King, in the course of which Mr King denied that he had been unable to carry on his duties properly while at Falconer's, as alleged.

He said it was untrue that Mr Ipekdljan had offered him 49 per cent of the shares, and that Mr Ipekdljan had offered to pay for him for these shares. Mr King said he instructed his solicitors to commence winding-up proceedings because he found he could not continue dealing with Mr Ipekdljan and Mr Seymour. He came to the conclusion that the shareholders in the Company could no longer continue in harmony with one another.

Further in his affidavit, Mr King said that when he started his own business after leaving Falconer's, he did not deal in the nautical business as alleged, nor did he ever say he was engaged in the nautical business.

It was also untrue, Mr King said in the affidavit, that on one occasion when he returned from a business trip to Australia, he made a report to Mr Ipekdljan, as to what he was about to do in the gold business.

Mr Yu went on to read other affidavits, among which was one made by Chen Wal-sum, formerly of the wholesale department of Falconer's, who mentioned various transactions in Buivon wist washes he did on the Company's behalf.

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MAN WITH REVOLVER SENTENCED

Sentence of three years' hard labour was passed by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Pains Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Ma Shu-kau, 33, who pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Accused denied a second count of conspiracy, with others not in custody, to murder Kwok Fu-kwal on December 5 last year.

Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, accepted the pleas and said he would offer no evidence on the second count.

The accused was caught on board a bus with the arms in his possession, and told the Police he had been given it by someone to get rid of a Communist.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Reece said he could not take political motives into consideration. Possession of arms with a licence was an offence that was all too prevalent in the Colony. He remarked that accused was fortunate he was not charged with murder as he might well have killed someone if it had been given sufficient time.

His Lordship ordered the revolver and ammunition to be confiscated to the Crown.

St George's Day Ceremony

The strains of "The Last Post" sounded, as a wreath bearing the red cross of St George was laid this morning at the Cenotaph by Mr F. C. Clemo and Mr G. E. Marden, President and Vice-President respectively of the Society of St George.

Shortly before the brief, but solemn ceremony took place, four riflemen and two buglers from the First Battalion Dorset Light Infantry, took up their posts. The former, one at each corner of the Monument, and the latter on the balcony of the Hongkong Club overlooking the Cenotaph.

As members of the Society moved in ranks of two towards the east side of the Cenotaph, led by Mr Clemo and Mr Marden, bearing the wreath between them, the four riflemen took up the "Reverse Arms" position and bowed their heads. The buglers sounded "The Last Post" after which the wreath was laid.

Among those present at the ceremony were the Hon. Cedric Blaker, the Hon. M.W. Turner, Col. H.B.L. Dowling, Messrs J.G. Meyer, M.M. Watson, W.T. Grimdale, A.W. Wood, L.B. Stone, M.Y.T. Fleming, T.A. Martin, and J.H. Haman.

Naturalisation

H.E. the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has conferred the privilege of British Naturalisation on the following persons. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Mr H. Gabriller (merchant), Mr D.L. Toog (merchant), Mr Leung Yuk-kwong (manager), Mr Cheung Koo-mee (merchant), Mr Poon Ying-kai (merchant), Miss Erna Matern (secretary).

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Armed Robbers Ransack Flat

On the pretence of being Urban Services employees, three Chinese, armed with a firearm and a dagger, gained entrance into 48 Centre Street, first floor, tied up three Chinese women inmates and \$6,000 worth of jewellery escaped with more than and cash.

According to the Police, the robbers entered the premises on the pretext of being sent there to inspect the kitchen. Once inside, they tied up the inmates and ransacked the flat. They left with cash, gold rings and bracelets and other jewels, to the total value of \$6,425.

A report was made to the Police at 10.05 a.m., and cordons were immediately thrown around the area. Parties of Police stopped and searched buses and ferry passengers in the Western and Central Districts.

Today's Gazetted Appointments

The appointment of Mr J. T. Wakelshay, B.E., the Governor, to be Director of Marketing and Registrar of Co-operative Societies, was announced in the Government Gazette today.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr Hamon Young, B.Sc., to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Hongkong Police Reserve.

It was notified that Mr W. F. Kerr, Assistant Accountant General, resumed duty as from April 17.

Appointments gazetted were: Mr J. C. McRobert to be Crown Counsel on probation; Mr C. T. Koll to be Education Officer on probation; Mr Chan Jim-fai to be Inspector of Schools; Messrs Wong Chai-lok and Lau Wal-sik, Primary School Masters, to be Sub-Inspectors of Schools; Mr Julian Ha Wing-lok to be Air Traffic Control Officer (Class II); Mr H. M. A. Bristow to be Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

FOOD OFFICER

It was notified that the District Commissioner, New Territories, on the recommendation of the Director of Medical and Health Services, has appointed Mr Tang Shiu-kau to be Food Officer for the purposes of the New Territories Rules made by the Governor in Council.

Mr A. J. Azevedo, Assistant Bailiff, and Mr Avelo Gim-bou, Acting Assistant Bailiff, have been appointed Collectors for the purpose of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, it was announced.

H.E. the Governor has made the following acting appointments: Mr E. N. Penford and Mr C. H. Sherriff, Assistant Superintendents of Sanitary Services; Mr R. A. Edwards, Chief Hospital Secretary; Mr G. H. Sherriff, Superintendent of Sanitary Services during the absence from the Colony of Mr Charles Strange; Mr A. W. T. White, Assistant Superintendent of Sanitary Services; Mr M. E. Purvis, and Mr T. H. W. King, Chief Health Inspectors; Mr R. Hogarth, Controller of Posts; Mr Li Yun-gun, Assistant Controller of Posts; Mr J. M. Ebb, Senior Marine Officer; Mr Yew Hung-ching, Assistant Registrar of Persons.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 1. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 2. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 3. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 4. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 5. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 6. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 7. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 8. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 9. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 10. The Concert "The Heart of a Play" about William Shakespeare, by David Scott Daniel (BUCIS). 11. 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